

Reply to Final Office Action of December 13, 2005
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REMARKS

Claims 1-78 were examined in the final office action mailed on December 13 2005 ("Outstanding Office Action"). Applicants note with appreciation that claims 24-37 were allowed, and that claims 6-15, 20-23, 42-44, 50-52, 57, 58, 64-71 and 75-77 would be 5 allowed if written in independent claim format.

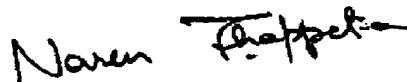
In response, claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 16, 21, 27, 30-34, 38, 43-45, 51, 53, 58, 59, 64, 69, 72 and 76 are sought to be amended, and claims 5, 6, 17-20, 39-42, 49, 50, 54-57, 62, 63, and 73-75 are sought to be canceled. The amendments and cancellations are believed not to introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested. Claims 1-4, 7-16, 21-38, 43-10 48, 51-53, 58-61, 64-72 and 76-78 are presented for examination.

Amended independent claims 1, 16, 38, 45, 53, 59 and 72 respectively correspond to claims 6, 20, 42, 50, 57, 64 and 75 (now sought to be canceled) indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, all independent claims presented for consideration are believed to be 15 in condition for allowance. The dependent claims are allowable at least as depending from allowable base claims.

Thus, all the objections and rejections are believed to be overcome, and all the 20 presented claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that this application be passed to issuance as a patent. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172 if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,



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